

## PUTNAM

(Continued from page nine.)  
 (As is indicated by the following appointments made at the meeting: City clerk, Fred W. Seward; assistant city clerk, William P. Warren; prosecuting attorney, J. Fred Carpenter; assistant prosecuting attorney, Howard Bradford; city engineer, F. Walden Wright; superintendent of streets, Fred Dunne; chief engineer fire department, M. R. Joy; first assistant engineer, Mark H. Wilson; second assistant, Adolph Bourcier; captain of police, John Murray; sergeant of police, Patrick Hayes; patrolman, Julius Cordier; fire police, Benjamin F. Chaffee, James O'Brien, James McGuire, Charles Tetra, Herman G. Carver, Theodore Bouley; health officer, Dr. Omer Larue; board of health, Dr. M. R. Lowe, Dr. E. F. Perry, Dr. J. M. Landry, Gideon Lamaitre, W. S. Johnson; superintendent of fire alarms, Archibald Macdonald.  
 Mayor McGarry and Alderman-at-large L. E. Smith, democrats, are the only two to retire from the council this year. Under Mayor McGarry, Putnam has had a clean, well directed business administration, conservative in its doings, and with the best interests of the city always paramount.

## ROUND HOUSE GUTTED

## BY MYSTERIOUS FIRE

Interior and Roof Wrecked—Locomotive Also Damaged—Blaze May Have Started in Waste Box.

Putnam had another bad fire Monday evening when the round house in the railroad yard, a landmark for two score years, was gutted by a blaze of mysterious origin. The interior of the building, which was of brick, was a roaring furnace within five minutes after the fire was discovered, and there was no chance to remove the one locomotive that was housed there. The lack of water pressure which has been a grievous handicap against the fire department at recent Putnam fires, again hampered the efforts of the men, and the half-dozen streams that were at first directed against the building carried barely 20 feet for the first few minutes of the fight. The first alarm was sounded about 7:10 on the whistle of a locomotive working in the yard, and in a few minutes there were several hundred people on the scene. The interior of the building was a seething mass of flame before the department could respond, and streams of fire shot out of the round openings under the gables of the building, making a spectacular sight. Passenger locomotive No. 1791, belonging in Willimantic, but sent to Putnam recently for spare use, stood pilot outward at the very door of the building with its front truck within a few feet of the turntable, on which it had been run in, but so rapid was the progress of the fire that it was almost immediately wrapped in flame and there was no chance of hauling it to safety. Everything burnable on the machine went up in smoke and it was a sorry looking engine after the fire, which was not completely extinguished until about 9:30. The firemen did the best they could under the circumstances and were fortunate in that the snow-covered roofs of nearby buildings killed the danger caused by the heavy rain of sparks and burning brands. The interior of the building and the roof is wrecked. The locomotive was the principal thing of value in the round house. How the fire started is uncertain, but it may have been incendiary. There was no one on duty there when the fire broke out. Burt Bugbee, an employee, has gone to supper, there being no one to relieve him. Indications are that the fire broke out in a box of waste into which someone may have dropped a match. The old, oil-soaked surroundings then burned like tinder.

The loss could not be accurately estimated Monday night, but will amount to several thousand dollars.

## CITY NOTES.

Mrs. E. N. Foster is in New York to remain several weeks with her son.

Harry Morse has returned from a stay of several days with friends in New York.

W. S. Johnson, who has been spending several months in the west, writes that he is with his family at Venice, Cal. They are enjoying ideal weather and spend much time at the beach.

Charles Gorham, suffering from a mental trouble, was locked up by the police Monday. Mr. Gorham has previously been confined in an asylum.

Dr. E. F. Perry is the visiting physician at the Day-Kimball hospital for January.

Miss Larue Enters Sisterhood.

Dr. Omer Larue was in Hartford Monday attending the ceremony of the profession of his daughter, Sister Agnes Congonaga, who enters the order of the Sisters of Mercy. Sister Agnes in the world is known to the residents of this city as Miss Bella Larue, graduate of the Academy of Notre Dame in the class of 1901.

Mr. and Mrs. George Perry and children have returned to Putnam after spending the holidays with relatives in New York.

The members of the town school committee held their monthly meeting in the office of Attorney Charles L. Torrey Monday afternoon. Routine business was transacted.

Pipes Froze at High School.

The Putnam High school opened for the winter term Monday morning. During the vacation time and extreme cold weather pipes froze in the building, causing considerable trouble.

NOT IDENTIFIED.

No One Recognizes Man Killed by Boat Train.

The man found dead Sunday morning beside the tracks of the Norwich branch, near the fair grounds, remained unidentified as the undertaking rooms of L. E. Smith during Monday. This was surprising, as it is believed that his home was in this part of the county. It is strange that he has not been missed. Electricity did not about him. Six dollars were found in a dead man's clothing. The man has a

Alone in Sawmill at Midnight, unmindful of dampness, drafts, storms or cold, W. J. Atkins worked as night watchman at Banner Springs, Tenn. Such exposure gave him a severe cold that settled on his lungs. At last he had to give up work. He tried many remedies, but all failed till he used Dr. King's New Discovery. "After using one bottle," he writes, "I went back to work as well as ever." Severe colds, stubborn coughs, inflamed throats and sore lungs, hemorrhages, croup and whooping cough get quick relief and prompt cure from this glorious medicine. 50c and \$1. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by The Lee & Osmond Co.

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## THE LIGHT THAT NEVER FAILS

## CHRISTMAS ANNOUNCEMENT

THE Company has allotted extraordinary BONUSSES to its Industrial policy-holders payable in 1910. These are CASH BONUSSES which may be used in payment of premiums upon their Industrial policies. They were not promised in the policies, either expressly or by implication, the policies being strictly non-participating. No such bonus has ever been given by any company to its policy-holders, and no such bonus ever will be given by any other company.

## BONUSSES TO LIVING POLICY-HOLDERS

To every holder of an Industrial whole life policy of the Company who shall pass the age of 75 during 1910, a bonus on its anniversary date thereafter equal to premiums for.....52 weeks  
 To every holder of an Industrial policy in force issued in 1879 and 1880, a bonus on its anniversary date equal to premiums for.....26 weeks  
 To every holder of an Industrial policy in force issued in 1881-2-3-4-5, a bonus on its anniversary date equal to premiums for.....20 weeks  
 To every holder of an Industrial whole life policy in force issued in 1886-7-8-9-1890, a bonus on its anniversary date equal to premiums for.....15 weeks  
 To every holder of an Industrial whole life policy in force issued in 1891-2-3-4-5, a bonus on its anniversary date equal to premiums for.....10 weeks  
 To every holder of an Industrial whole life or increasing life and endowment policy issued in any year from 1896 to 1905 inclusive, a bonus on its anniversary date equal to premiums for.....5 weeks

These bonuses are thus for percentages varying from about TEN to ONE HUNDRED PER CENT. of the amount of weekly premiums for a year. It will be observed that the bonuses are graduated by the age of the policies.

The whole life policies issued between January 1, 1907, and July 1, 1909, have received a reversionary dividend of about ten per cent. of their face during the past year (that is, have been increased in amount about ten per cent.). This cost the Company \$600,000 in 1909; and will cost many hundreds of thousands of dollars in subsequent years in increased Reserve. The whole life policies, issued since July 1, 1909, have been increased about ten per cent. in amount above the amount of insurance previously provided for the same respective premiums.

## BONUSSES ON DEATH CLAIMS

Death Claimants on whole life policies issued between January 1, 1907, and July 1, 1909, whose claims had been settled, have received in the last six months a payment of mortuary bonuses of about ten per cent. in addition to the amount previously received, at a cost to the Company of over \$250,000.

Payment on Death Claims in 1910 will be increased over and above the face of the Industrial policies by amounts determined by the following scale:

When death occurs after policy has been in force over 5 years.....	5%
When death occurs after policy has been in force over 10 years.....	10%
When death occurs after policy has been in force over 15 years.....	15%
When death occurs after policy has been in force over 20 years.....	20%
When death occurs after policy has been in force over 25 years.....	25%
When death occurs after policy has been in force over 30 years.....	30%

The cost to the Company of these CASH bonuses is estimated at

**\$5,232,448.20**

Added to the bonuses heretofore paid for the last sixteen years OVER AND ABOVE THE PROMISES MADE IN THE POLICIES, this will bring the total CASH bonuses up to

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The sources of these bonuses are:

1. Decrease in expenses—TEN PER CENT. in nine years to the close of 1908.
2. Saving in the Mortality which was expected when policies were issued.
3. Gains in Interest actually earned over the amount required by statute for accumulation of Reserves.
4. The fact that on a premium income of nearly \$50,000,000 a year the Stockholders receive only \$140,000, which is more than earned from the income of their own capital and surplus; the balance of such income going to the increase of the fund from which Bonuses are paid.

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peculiar enlargement of the left ankle that made it difficult to walk.

New Judge and Deputy Judge Take Office.

At noon on Monday Judge Frank F. Russell retired as judge of the city court, administering the oath of office to his successor, Judge L. H. Fuller, who has been deputy judge of the court under Judge Russell. The ceremony took place in the city court room. At this time also Attorney Mahlen J. Gelsinger was sworn in as deputy judge, the midday bells ringing out as a benediction at the exact time that he was assuming his obligation.

## DEBT REDUCED

From \$32,000 to \$25,000 on St. Mary's Parish Property.

Rev. J. Van den Noort, pastor of St. Mary's parish, will announce in his annual report Sunday that \$2,000 has been paid on the parish debt during the year just closed. This is considered an excellent showing. The debt has been reduced from \$32,000 three years ago to about \$25,000.

## INTERESTING OLD DOCUMENT.

In 1828 Railroads Were Referred to as "a Device of Satan."

Alexander Wells, an old citizen of Wellsville, O., has a copy of an interesting and novel document issued by the school board of the town of Lancaster, O., in 1828. The question of steam railroads was in its incipient stage and a club of young men had been formed for the purpose of discussing the points at issue. They desired the use of the schoolhouse for purposes of debate. This was looked upon by the members of the school board as an innovation bordering upon sacrilege, as indicated, which is the document in the possession of Mr. Wells. It reads as follows:

"You are welcome to the use of the schoolhouse to debate all proper questions in, but such things as railroads and telegraphs are impossibilities and rank infidelity. There is nothing in the Word of God about them. If God had designed that his intelligent creatures should travel at the frightful speed of 15 miles an hour, by steam, he would clearly have foretold it through his holy prophets. It is a device of Satan to lead immortal souls down to hell."

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## SOMEWHAT LIKE COOK'S CASE.

Rear Admiral Wilkes Failed to Have His Proofs Accepted.

Appropos of the Cook case, a writer in The New York Sun reproduces a clipping from The Belfast News Letter of November, 1892, questioning the results of a famous voyage of discovery in the early part of the nineteenth century—that of Commander Wilkes of the United States navy to the Antarctic regions. The Wilkes expedition was not on its return by a British expedition under Sir James Ross, bound for the same regions. Commander Wilkes gave to the British captain all the information he had obtained, including a chart showing where he had been. The article continues: "This was carefully preserved by Sir James Ross, but subsequent experience proved that it was altogether fallacious, as Sir James Ross' ships actually sailed over places which were described as mountains in the chart of Capt. Wilkes. The inference left on the mind of Sir James Ross was naturally enough, that the Yankee commander had drawn upon his imagination for his facts. He said as it may, he was obliged to state in his official report to the government that Commander Wilkes was not quite as reliable an Arctic traveler as some of his predecessors, and that, in fact, the Yankee report was in some respects a romance. Hence the bitter antagonism of the valorous Wilkes, (his took Mason and Eldred of the Trent) and hence his extraordinary anxiety to insult the British flag."

There is particular interest in this statement at this time because Lieut. Shackleton in his narrative of his recent expedition to the Antarctic also states that he sailed over places marked by Wilkes as land.

The Wilkes expedition was sent out officially by the United States government and the circumstances hardly would justify a conclusion that he faked deliberately. What probably happened was that he made an error in calculating his position, locating the Antarctic continent some distance farther north than it really is. There is now no question that the continent exists comparatively few miles farther south. The Ross-Wilkes controversy was very bitter for some years, and Wilkes' hand did not appear on British charts.—Buffalo Express.

Sam Strong's Spring.

Sam Strong has eight feet of water in his new spring this dry spell, it being a good spring.—Hanover Gazette.

We congratulate Sam on his good fortune in having such a spring, or perhaps it would be better to say, on his good judgment in picking out his new spring. Some persons are careless in such matters. Eight feet of water is a whole lot to have in a dry spell, and we hope Sam will be neighborly and share it with his friends. We were a little shy on the fluid in Springfield a few weeks ago, and if we had known about Sam's spring we would have sent up to New Hampshire for some of the Strong water for which that state is justly famous. It may interest Sam to know that we have been having a spell of weather down here—snowed like tarnation and made the

going kinder bad, but we've got the roads "broke" out now so we can get around after a fashion. It looks like it's going to be a "stoddy" winter. Come down and see us, Sam, any time you want to, and we'll let you help us pick out a spring. N. B.—Bring a jug of that water.

Opulence.

They numbered four. They absolutely exuded prosperity. The things which they ordered were such as to fill with envy the breast of the man at the next table, engaged in consuming the most modest dish disclosed by the bill of fare. The four were conversing in a placid, placid conversation. After a while it turned to the question of money. Evidently they wanted to do something. How much money had they? One of the four took out his pocketbook and counted up a roll of bills.

"Oh, I have one hundred and forty," he said, carelessly.

The second and third members of the party went through their pockets.

"I have two hundred and fifteen," remarked one.

"And I have three hundred," said the other.

The fourth waved his hand—graciously. "Never mind, you fellows," he said. "I'll lend you all you want."

Tenderly waiters bore the man at the next table out into the cold air. He will recover.—N. Y. Times.

Chicago now has a law which makes traction companies return the fares to passengers who are on a car which is detained 10 minutes or more.

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